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KING ICON. RP's pride and joy, Manny Pacquiao, could become the first Asian to hold 4 world titles in 4 weight divisions.

Pacquiao goes for ring history

By Roy Luarca

LAS VEGAS—A SUPERSTAR gunning for history and a champion longing for recognition will dispute the World Boxing Council lightweight championship Saturday night (Sunday morning in Manila) at the Mandalay Bay Events Center here.

Manny Pacquiao, the Filipino ring icon, is heavily favored to beat David Diaz, the Mexican-American titlist, and become the first Asian to hold four world crowns in four weight divisions.

If he succeeds, the 29-year-old Pacquiao, the former WBC flyweight and International Boxing Federation super bantamweight champion and current WBC super featherweight king, will become the first Filipino to reign in the 135-pound class.

Oddsmakers in this entertainment capital have installed Pacquiao, the world's No. 1 pound-for-pound fighter, as the 5-1 favorite in the 12-round duel to be beamed in the United States and Canada over HBO pay-per-view television.

Rather than be complacent, however, Pacquiao has [illegible]

PACQUIAO A13



WBC LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMP. Mexican-American David Diaz is aspiring for Pacman-like recognition and adulation.

Ship's insurance limited

Passengers, cargo covered but not collateral damage

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE MUCH CHOICE BUT to take over the salvage operations for the sunken MV Princess of the Stars because the vessel's insurance coverage is limited to passengers and cargo and does not extend to ship damage, Sen. Manuel Roxas said.

Roxas said the government should act fast to prevent the shipwreck from causing any more damage to the environment because of its dangerous cargo of fuel and pesticide.

It should not wait any more for the shipowner, Sulpicio Lines, to take action, the senator said.

Roxas said that while Sulpicio was not compelled to purchase such insurance under the law because it was mainly a passenger and not a cargo liner, it should have obtained the insurance out of prudence considering its long history of disasters dating back to the sinking of the MV Doña Paz in 1987, considered the worst civilian maritime disaster in history in terms of lives lost (more than 4,000).

SHIP'S A6

The only two women divers are daughters of Bob Garon

By Alcuin Papa

VANESSA GARON, 28, AND HER sister Alexandra or Alex, 23, are the only women divers helping the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) retrieve bodies from the wreck of the ill-fated ferry MV Princess of the Stars.

They are two of three PCG auxiliary divers who joined the rescue operations after the passenger ferry sank near Sibuyan Island on June 21.

The sisters, daughters of com-

THE ONLY A4

Prayer restores Doña Paz survivor to life, acceptance

By Christian V. Esguerra

HE RUSHED TO THE TELEVISION set as soon as power was restored in his town in Western Samar on June 23.

Amid the storm, stories of a ship that sank off Sibuyan Island had been making the rounds of the neighborhood since the previous day. But with no TV, radio, or newspapers to tell him what happened, he had merely kept his fingers crossed.

"Not again," habal-habal (passenger motorcycle) driver Gilbert "Boinboin" Mabutol told himself.

But yes, it happened again—a virtual replay of the events of 21 years ago when another Sulpicio Lines ship, the MV Doña Paz, collided with the oil tanker Vector and caused the death of more than 4,000 people.

Gilbert, now 36, was lucky to survive along with 25 other passengers. But his mother and sister did not make it. He never saw them again, not even their remains.

Since Dec. 20, 1987—the day of the worst peacetime maritime accident in history—Mabutol's prayer has been devoutly formulaic: "Please don't let it happen again."

The plea may have gone unheeded on several more occasions, more recently with the sinking of the MV Princess of the Stars. But divine intervention was at work somewhere else—in young Gilbert's personal healing.

The boy who lost his family has moved on.

"We just have to accept what hap-

PRAYER A13



Planes rouse, thrill remote, sleepy town

By Tarra Quismundo

SAN FERNANDO, SIBUYAN ISLAND—This sleepy town is buzzing—literally—with the sound of choppers, a C-130 cargo plane, even a US Navy Sea Hawk in an unprecedented rescue, retrieval and relief operation.

Piquing curiosity among island locals, Philippine and American helicopters flew back and forth here in the past week as inland and off-shore dis-

PLANES A9

WHAT'S INSIDE

• **LA OROPESA:** Indestructible sex symbol tries to live with sixth sense and healing power, which include sensing infidelity.
• Short-term memory, long-term love
• Gilda Cordero-Fernando's road map to old age: It's all a matter of attitude
SUNDAY LIFESTYLE

PDI man in Hollywood gets heartbreaking last glimpse of Heath Ledger in 'Dark Knight'
• Hilarious exchange among Jinggoy, Bong, Ipe as the loving buddies Dolphy left behind
ENTERTAINMENT

Ivatan of Batanes share secrets of survival in typhoon belt

By Andrea Trinidad Echavez
Contributor

BASCO, BATANES—IT IS SAID THAT NO ONE dies in a typhoon in this so-called typhoon capital of the Philippines.

As "Frank" started to threaten the rest of the country a week ago, 85-year-old Carlos Baloadino confidently went about his usual routine.

He led his carabao to the payaman (communal pasture) to graze, and patiently waited until it had its fill, never mind if over the radio, the weather forecaster had said Signal No. 3 would be raised over Batanes.

Going by the signs of nature, Baloadino knew that Frank would not hit the province.

"You will know there's a typhoon coming when the cows at the payaman come down to seek shelter," he said.

The payaman is usually located on the higher slopes of Batanes. When a storm looms, cows instinctively take shelter. They return to the hills only when the rain and wind have died down.

For generations, the Ivatan, as the people of Batanes are called, have relied on cows and natural signs for "weather forecasts," according to Gov. Telesforo Castillejos.

"But cows are the most reliable," he said.

Birds, the wind, cloud movement, and the color of the sky are also indicators of the

BATANES A9



THE HOUSE THAT COULD NOT FALL. The Ivatan of Batanes are like the wise man in the Good Book "who built his house on rock. The rain came, the flood rose and winds blew and beat against that house, yet it did not fall"... This traditional house made of 20 tons of limestone, cogon and reeds was built in the 1870s. Called the House of Dakay after the name of the original owner, it's the oldest house on Batan Island, the main island in the Batanes group of islands.

WEATHER FORECAST

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I am sorry, Obama tells GMA

US presidential bet rues missing chance to meet in letter of apology

By Julliet Labog-Javellana

NEW YORK CITY (VIA PLDT)—DEMOCRATIC presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama sent President Macapagal-Arroyo a letter of apology for being unable to meet with her because of his busy schedule.

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Common struggle

[illegible]

Special bond

[illegible]

Husband's birthday

[illegible]

Large US fruit firm inks $500-M investment deal with RP

By Julliet Labog-Javellana

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35-year contract

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Best value in Asia

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Hole to be cut in ferry to get pesticide out

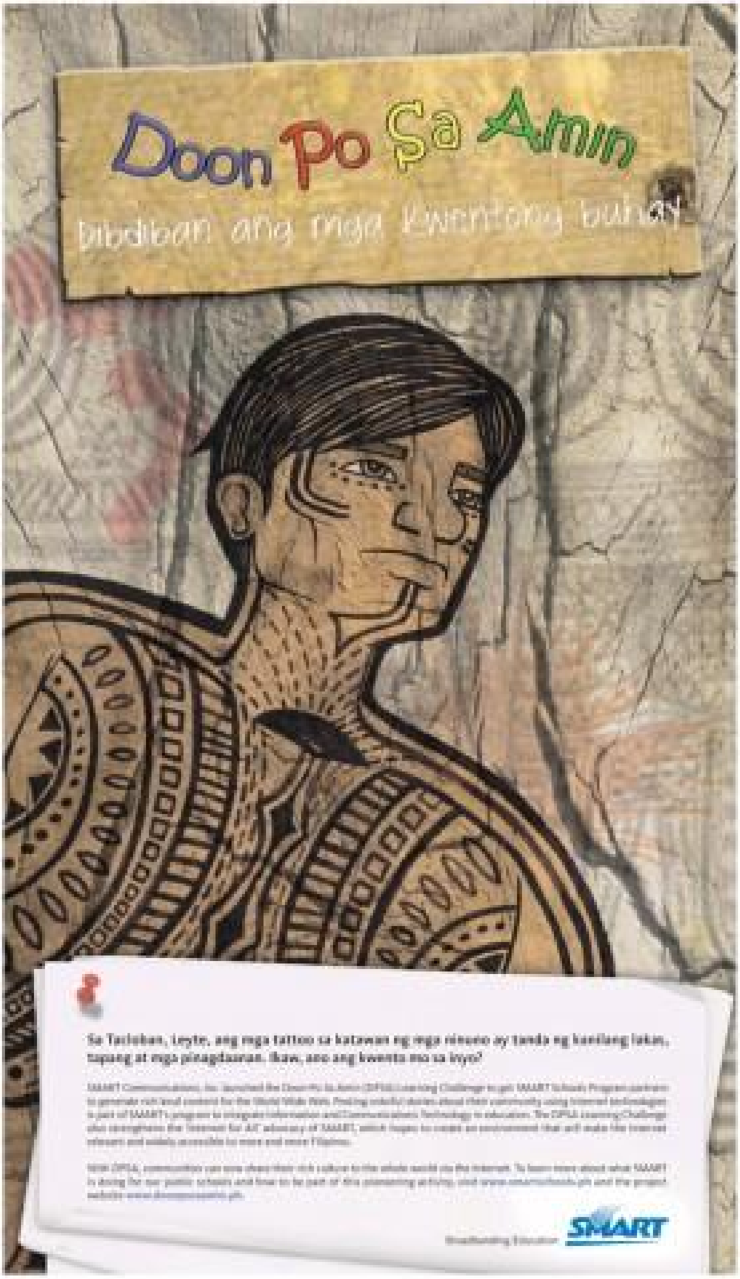
By Leila B. Salaverria and Cynthia D. Balana



Initial plan

Kills mites

Ships can't sail under signal No. 1



Typhoon aid not being delayed for GMA publicity stunt–Palace

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Spanish aid on the way

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Relatives' hurt prolonged; Church to help them cope psychologically

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700 dead, P7B lost so far

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Fires hit university, factory, bar

FIRE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN hit a university in Manila and a factory and karaoke bar in Quezon City in separate incidents on Saturday, destroying an estimated P4 million in property.

In Manila, fire hit the stockroom of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila at 11 a.m., said Senior Supt. Odilon Cortina, city fire marshal.

No one was reported injured in the blaze, which reached the fifth alarm, after students were told to leave the campus, Cortina said. Damage to property was placed at P300,000. Fire officials said they were eyeing an electrical problem as the cause.

In Quezon City, more than P3.5 million worth of property was razed in the fires that hit a rubber slipper factory and a karaoke bar.

Arson investigator SFO2 Mamerto Catalan said the fire broke out on the roof of the two-story factory owned by Roy Cambaro on Anonas Street, Barangay Sikatuna District, at 4 a.m.

The fire spread quickly and gutted two adjacent houses, reaching the third alarm before being put out at 6:05 a.m., Catalan said. Damage was placed at P3 million.

At 9:48 a.m., fire struck the Top of Gold karaoke bar on Scout Tobias St. in Barangay Scout Triangle.

SFO1 Jose Felipe Amio, case investigator, said bar employees saw smoke coming from the ladies room before flames engulfed the establishment.

Arson and police were looking at faulty wiring as the probable cause of the blaze which caused more than P1.5 million worth of damage.

No one was reported injured in both incidents. *—Tina G. Santos and Marlon Ramos*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, June 29, 2008
Peter and Paul

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11

About that time King Herod decided to persecute some members of the Church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword, and when he saw how it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also.

This happened during the festival of the Unleavened Bread. Herod had him seized and thrown into prison with four squads, each of four soldiers, to guard him. He meant to bring him to trial before the people after the Passover feast; but while Peter was kept in prison, the whole Church prayed earnestly for him.

On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound by a double chain, while guards kept watch at the gate of the prison.

Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood there and a light shone in the prison cell. The angel tapped Peter on the side and woke him saying, "Get up quickly!" At once the chains fell from Peter's wrists. The angel said, "Put on your belt and your sandals." Peter did so, and the angel added, "Now put on your cloak and follow me."

Peter followed him out; yet he did not realize that what was happening with the angel was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first guard and then the second and they came to the iron door leading out to the city, which opened of itself for them. They went out and made their way down a narrow alley, when suddenly the angel left him.

Then Peter recovered his senses and said, "Now I know that the Lord has sent his angel and has rescued me from Herod's clutches and from all that the Jews had in store for me."

2nd Reading: 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18

As for me, I am already poured out as a libation, and the moment of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness with which the Lord, the just judge, will reward me on that day; and not only me, but all those who have longed for his glorious coming.

But the Lord was at my side, giving me strength to proclaim the Word fully, and let all the pagans hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will save me from all evil, bringing me to his heavenly kingdom. Glory to him for ever and ever. Amen!

Gospel: Mt 16:13-19

Jesus came to Caesarea Philippi. He asked his disciples, "What do people say of the Son of Man? Who do they say I am?" They said, "For some of them you are John the Baptist, for others Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Jesus asked them, "But you, who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "It is well for you, Simon Barjona, for it is not flesh or blood that has revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

"And now I say to you: You are Peter (or Rock) and on this rock I will build my Church; and never will the powers of death overcome it.

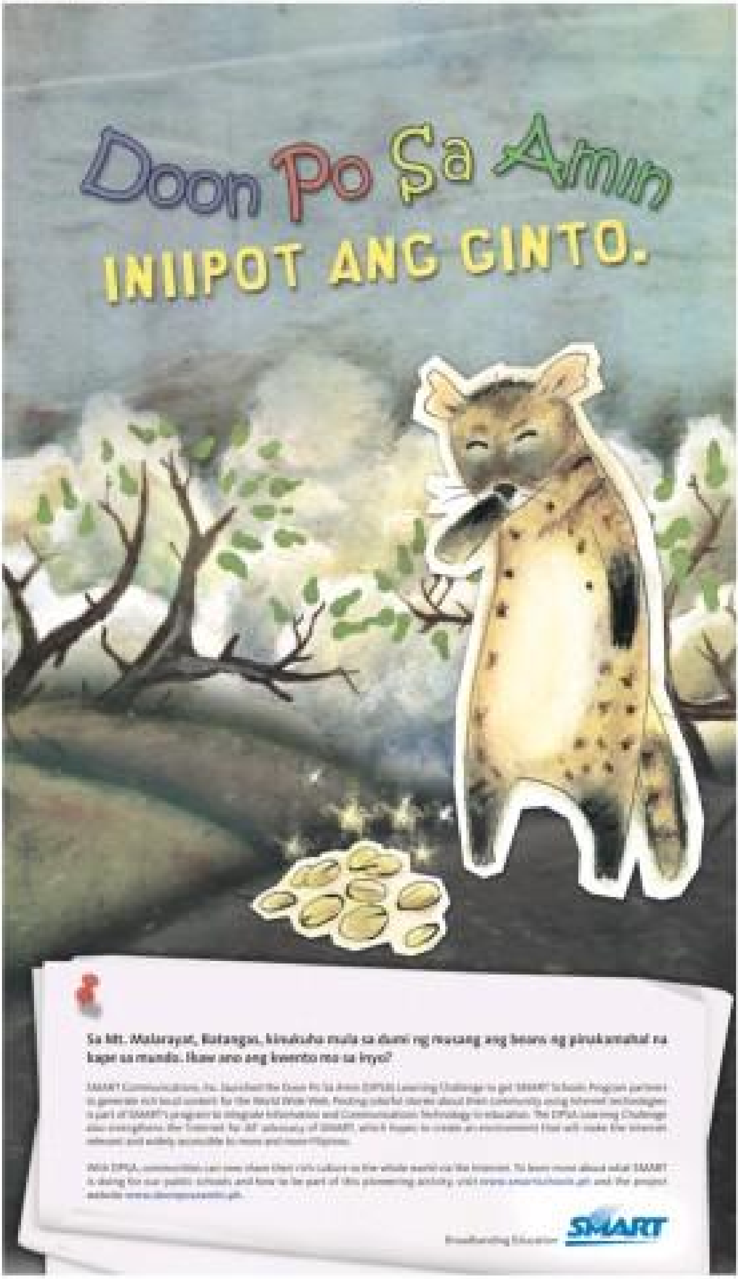
"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and what you unbind on earth shall be unbound in heaven."

Commentary

The tombs of Saints Peter and Paul are among the most visited shrines of the Church. Pilgrims make their way from around the world to pray at the tombs of the apostles who were instrumental in bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth. ... [illegible]

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us!

Claretian Communications Foundation, Inc. ... [illegible]



Here's why pupil test scores improved

By Nancy Carvajal

RP draws crowds in Spain

THE PHILIPPINES IS DRAWING CROWDS at the ongoing Expo Zaragoza 2008 in Zaragoza, Spain, where over 100 countries are participating as exhibitors.

Some 5,000 visitors have been visiting the Philippine pavilion every day since the three-month international event opened on June 14, according to Deputy Commissioner General Susan Del Mundo of the Philippine National Organizing Committee.

"The numbers are increasing steadily, both for the Philippine pavilion and for the expo," Del Mundo said in a report e-mailed from Spain.

Del Mundo attributed the large interest to the unique Philippine exhibit which, she said, adhered creatively to the expo's theme, "Water and Sustainable Development."

Visitors have described the Philippine exhibit's design and content as being "in step with the progressive creative work of Europeans."

The Philippines' design centerpiece is made up of transparent spheres of varying sizes suspended from the ceiling and appearing like bubbles in a midnight-blue underwater setting. Floating inside the bigger spheres are images, each depicting one of the more than 150 water resource management projects across the archipelago.

Ten of these projects are presented in video documentation, among them, the activities of a barangay in [illegible], Batangas, to protect its reef; the alignment of corporate and environmentalist interests in operating Palawan's El Nido Resorts [illegible]; the traditional watershed management represented by the Ifugao rice terraces, and the symbiotic relationship between the [illegible] community and the [illegible].

Musical compositions inspired by water and composed specially for the pavilion by [illegible] are also featured.

A cultural extravaganza featuring performances by [illegible] Philippine National Day activities on June 18.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS





THE LONG WAIT

Sulpicio unwilling to refloat ship to get full damage claim

Insurers' investigation

AFP

Ship's insurance limited to passengers, cargo

Payment guaranteed

Not enough

Ships not in top shape

Not required by law

The only two women divers are daughters of Bob Garon

Heroic

'At least we have day jobs'

Risking their lives

In the path of the storm

Palm prints on windows

Pushing the limits

No sign of toxic substance



COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DIVERS

Bloodwork



AERIAL SPECTACLE

Planes rouse, thrill remote, sleepy town

179 flying hours

Shifting focus

Ivatan of Batanes share secrets of survival in typhoon belt

Vital statistics

Stone houses

Learning from forefathers

Modess®

celebrates the Women of

Aim High, Pinay!

Modess salutes the Filipina's many achievements and believes in her ability to achieve whatever she has set her heart and mind to, not just for herself but for the people around her.



This is the brand philosophy behind the campaign "Aim High, Pinay!," the Modess battle cry that enjoins all women to set their sights on lofty goals, always reach for more and be better regardless of the challenges they may face.

To keep up with these remarkable women, Modess continues to improve in its product innovations too. Aside from having Odor Control that neutralizes menstrual odor, it has Fast Lock Pockets that give better side leak protection, working together with 18 Anti-Leak Channels for the best leak protection ever from Modess.

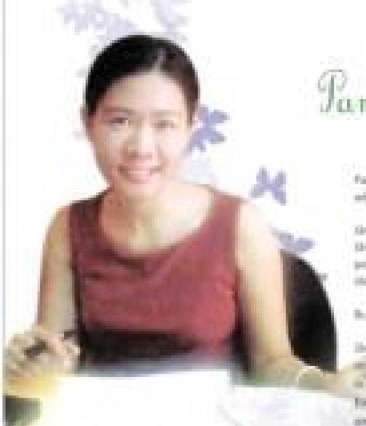
All combined, these features provide these women superior menstrual protection that allow them to pursue their goals even during the most uncomfortable times of the month.

Searching for the best "Aim High" Pinays

In a drive to celebrate and rally women who have aimed high, found their dreams, worked at fulfilling them and moved on to the next dream, Modess launched the Modess "Aim High, Pinay!" campaign. This is a nationwide movement that encourages young women from different parts of the country to reach their dreams and learn how to overcome their struggles. Besides launching a mall activation that visited major cities of the Philippines to make the movement more experiential, the whole campaign is also supported by TV ads and an online site. Its objective is to make a call to Pinays all over the country to send in their stories of struggle and triumph over adversity, and say "kayang-kaya ko!"



Out of close to 800 entries, Modess chose the story of two women, representing the youth sector and adult females, and holds them up as shining examples of what a Pinay truly stands for: true grit, gentleness of heart, and genuine talent.



Pamela Cruz Abellera,

Making Changed Lives Possible

Pamela is Chief Operating Officer of the Southern Philippines College in Cagayan de Oro. She oversees the administrative aspects of the school and ensures that its systems run smoothly.

She took on the challenge of effecting change in institutions that did not welcome her brand of transformation. She also had to tackle issues of corruption, apathy, lack of workforce skills, lack of funds, and poor overall performance in schools that would have welcomed an older, more experienced head but instead got young and idealistic Pam. Needless to say, they were disconcerted by the kind of sweeping changes that came with her.

But these were not the only trials that she had to surpass.

She lost her husband very early and has since been sole parent to a 3-year-old daughter. It would have disheartened any young widow but not a strong-willed woman like Pam.
In her present position, she truly sees the fruit of all her labors. *"I don't aim to change the world. I just want to change what is in my world. And right now, that is to ensure that our students have good teachers and a good school in which to learn."*

Modess®

celebrates the Women of

Aim High, Pinay!

Elielle Viaje

Destined for Musical Greatness



Two ordinary women leading ordinary lives, but living them extraordinarily - with passion, dedication, courage and faith in a bright future ahead. From them, women can learn that life's difficulties, though inevitable, are not life defining. Modess "Aim High Pinay!" campaign salutes these two women and many others who are in their element now, choosing a bright path in their lives, fulfilling their dreams and taking on new challenges.

Modess Salutes its very own "Aim High, Pinay!"

The first female and the youngest International Vice President in Johnson & Johnson Asia Pacific, Grace sets the pace in the industry's consumer sector while ably balancing her role as a wife and mom. She took on the challenges of progressively responsible roles throughout her career, and in the process, brought recognition not only to herself but also to the country. This woman is a living example of what a true "Aim High, Pinay" should be.



Grace del Rosario–Castaño

Creating a Mark in the Corporate World



INQUIRER

OPINION

Sulpicio's gamble

Editorial

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Schooldays

Separate Opinion

Isagani A. Cruz

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True loving

Moments

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

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Happy 100th birthday to UP

WITH DUE RESPECT

Artemio V. Panganiban



Shame

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

Patricia Evangelista



DNA in rape cases

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



McCain, Obama, and hot air

WORLD VIEW

Bjorn Lomborg



THEY SAID

Selective blindness

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TALK of the TOWN

MICRO-HYDROELECTRIC PLANT

Tano and the Dragonfly of Capintalan

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SINCE CHILDHOOD, [illegible]



TANO Mirabueno

Renewable energy

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Mountain streams

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Components

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Headwaters

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Para-electrician team

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Plant comes to life

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Volunteer labor

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Extended study hours

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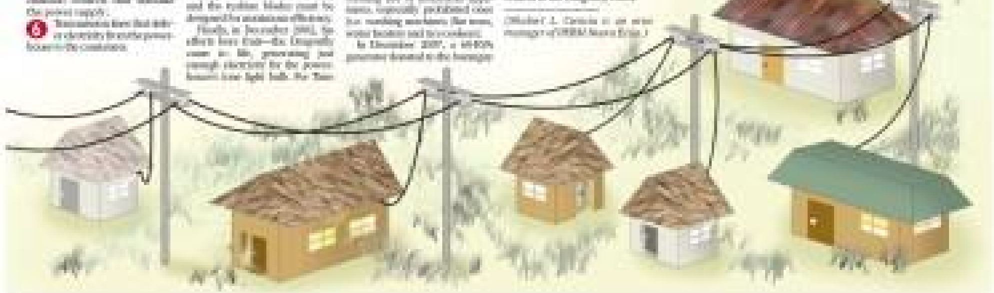
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Challenges

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Prayer restores Doña Paz survivor to life, acceptance



Angry man

Aborted reunion

Constant prayer

P1,000 compensation

Pacquiao goes for ring history

Half a pound lighter

Real threat

Heavy hitter





INQUIRER Mindanao

Saving an indigenous variety of rice



Food security project

Fast disappearing

Sell when needed

Across the NATION

Court orders Subic shabu destroyed



OLONGAPO CITY—A JUDGE HERE ON THURSday ordered the destruction of more than 700 kilograms of smuggled shabu (methamphetamine hydrochloride) seized by government agents at the Subic Bay Freeport in May.

Deadline extension

At large

No breakthrough

NEWSBRIEFS

COTABATO CITY

Village chief survives ambush

ILIGAN CITY

PUJ with teachers held by gunmen

MARINDUQUE

Marinduque tourism assembly postponed

SAN PABLO CITY

DTI hosts trade fair for Calabarzon

Pacquiao fan in Lucena City wagers NFA cards

LUCENA CITY—AN AVID PACquiao fan ...

1 month's amount of rain fell in a day in Iloilo

By David Israel Sinay
Inquirer Visayas



Muslims, Christians hold rallies for peace

News

Special kids special guests at Read-Along

Storyteller Diether Ocampo thrills young audience, is touched himself

By Kate V. Pedroso

FOR TEN SPECIAL children from Cavite, yesterday's Inquirer Read-Along was their reward for doing good. They were treated to a storytelling session led by actor Diether Ocampo, who was met with screams and shrieks the minute he stepped into the room.

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'They are the future'

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DIETHER OCAMPO is surrounded by some of the children who attended yesterday's Inquirer Read-Along. [illegible]

Good for self-confidence

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Summa cum laude

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Aplus Metro

MEMORY LANE

Remembering the Manila of old







(FROM LEFT) Writers Josefina Manahan, Lailing Lim and Anna Pangilinan reminisce about the city they grew up in.

By Allison W. Lopez

ALTHOUGH THEY MAY BE MISSING THE Manila of old, the affection longtime residents feel for the city has not diminished one bit.

Last week, they gathered at the Arroceros Forest Park where they spoke of their fondest memories of the Manila they grew up in. The occasion was most apt since the city marked its 437th foundation day on June 24.

At the "Memories of Manila" program, Lailing Lim, Josefina Manahan and Anna Pangilinan—who wrote stories about the city for the book, "The Manila We Knew"—took their listeners down nostalgia lane.

Around 300 pupils from Barrio in Tondo and Malate attended the event organized by Winner Foundation, caretaker of the forest park nestled in the midst of an bleak area that continues to battle pollution and further deterioration.

"I think the younger generation don't know that Manila was the Pearl of the Orient. So we got the authors to do the reading," said Winner president Regina Paterno.

Lim, whose ancestral home was designed by National Artist Juan Nakpil, recalled the time when residents would while the time away in beautiful Harrison Park.

Lush garden

"The park had many large acacia trees with sprawling branches that shaded the pathways from the heat of the day. Tropical plants and flowering bushes made the park a lush garden. I used to pick sampaguitas off the bushes that abounded in the park," she said, quoting from her story "At the Edge of Manila."

In the 1970s, the park slowly disappeared to make way for a shopping mall and later, the five-star Sheraton Hotel (now Century Park), she recalled.

Manahan, meanwhile, read an excerpt from one of the stories she had contributed to the book. In "In Search of a Memory," she wrote about walking on a "dazzlingly white footpath that crunched underfoot" as a child.

"I recall seeing water shining in sunlight in small pools where round-eyed, red-orange goldfish crowded their bellies, while waving their gossamer fins," she recalled.

Manahan said she pestered her parents about the location of the mysterious footpath but they could not give her an answer.

She finally found what she had been searching for in Nick Joaquin's "Intramuros."

"The Cathedral Square, then known as Plaza McKinley ... was a fine park then. At its four corners towered those giant Judas trees with overspreading boughs and multiple trunks. Under each tree was a small round pool where goldfish swam.... Plaza McKinley was sanded with powdered seashell, so that its paths were white and crunchy," Joaquin wrote in his book.

Congested

The "pleasant suburban town" of Makati, on the other hand, became home to the then 8-year-old Pangilinan in the 1960s when her parents decided that Manila was becoming congested.

At the time, Pangilinan said the Ayala skyscrapers were less than 20 stories high and the wide open fields surrounding the area were "thickly covered with tall cogon grass and wildflowers."

The streets were known as the Makati and Legaspi Villages, she said in her story, "Trick or Treat."

"Today 38 years since the first time we trick-or-treated ourselves from there, I continue to live in an Ayala village in Makati (which is now a city. Most of the institutions and avenues of the Makati of my youth are still around," Pangilinan added.

"Noon Time," a chapter from Joaquin's "Manila, My Manila," was read by Ana Gregorio. In it, the author discussed the Americanization of Filipinos in the 1930s—from their passions to their fashions.

Asked how he would describe the Manila he knew, Mayor Alfredo Lim, who was one of the guests at the program, said it was a "nice and safe place to live in."

The mayor admitted that the city may no longer be a paradise, although the city government was doing its best to revive the old Manila.

Manila, stressed Lim, still deserves to be the country's capital city for its rich history and for remaining the center of trade, education, arts and culture.

"I think Manila is trying to regain what it was once. People these days are not really interested in their surroundings. That's why we are doing this, to help them be more aware of their city," added Manahan.





GLOBAL Pinoy

This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

Proud son of obscure barrio now living American Dream

His success story has echoed loud and clear in Corro-oy in Santol, La Union—a place known only to its residents

By Christian V. Esguerra

AT DAWN'S BREAK IN this small barrio called Corro-oy, neighbors wake up to the sight of two familiar figures emerging from an unfinished concrete, their home in this part of La Union province.





WINTER JOY Like many other Filipino first-timers in California, Alberto Oliveros enjoys the snow in Lake Tahoe; (right), with his beloved Lola Pancing at a ring-and-pin ceremony at a La Union nursing school.

19 years later in US

Waiting for mother

Practical education

Lola Pancing's ruby ring

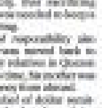
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Stepmom

Living the American Dream

When your spouse wants a divorce abroad

INFO
Lourdes Santos Tancinco



Inevitable complications

De facto divorces

Changes in family laws needed

North Pole may have no ice in Sept., says expert



BATTLE OF KOSOVO

WORLDBRIEFS

Central American leaders assail new EU immigration rules

Mississippi River levee breaks, corn price at new high

Lunch with Warren Buffett sells for record $2.11M

Whales lose, Japan wins as whaling meet ends

The WORLD

US urges Nokor to give up all A-bombs

SEOUL—US SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZza Rice pressed North Korea on Saturday to take the next step and give up its atomic weaponry after it disclosed some nuclear secrets and demolished part of its reactor.

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AFP

Challenges to bans on handguns begin

SAN FRANCISCO—USING THE [illegible]

AFP



OBAMA and Clinton in Unity, NH, on June 27, their first joint public appearance since the divisive Democratic primary race ended.

Obama, Clinton make 1st joint appearance

UNITY, NH—BARACK OBAMA and Hillary Clinton [illegible]

AFP

Zimbabwe counts votes as opposition slams 'farce'

HARARE—COUNTING WAS under way in Zimbabwe [illegible]

AFP



WHAT'S INSIDE
■ Ivanovic gets the boot, too /A25

Sunday SPORTS

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'Attack at once'



DAVID Díaz (left) and Manny Pacquiao flex their muscles after making the weight.

LAS VEGAS—MANNY PACquiao's summarized in the fewest possible words his battle plan when he tangles with David Diaz on Saturday for the World Boxing Council lightweight crown here.

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Celtic pride on fight night?

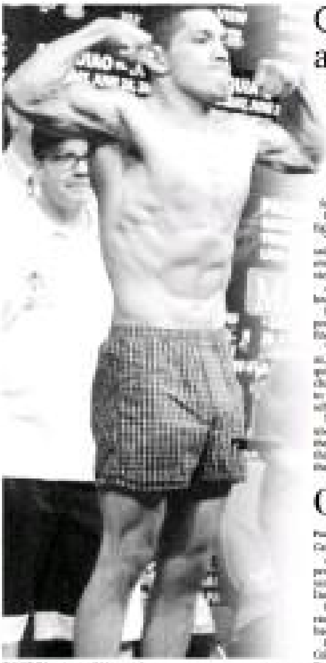
By Ray Loarca

LAS VEGAS—MANNY PACquiao picked the Boston Celtics to win the NBA title... and they did.

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Moment of truth for Diaz



Champ's camp hopes to work around notorious slow starts

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Celtic pride at fight night?

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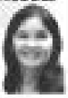
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Cebu, Batangas batters eye semifinal berths

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Manny should retire next year, says Roach

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Beth Celis

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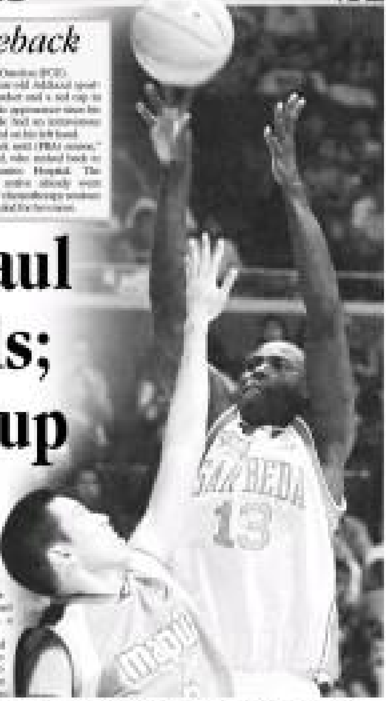
By Jasmine W Payo

Alaska tackles M'nolia today

By Jasmine W Payo

Lions maul Cardinals; Knights up

By Cedelf P Tupas



SAN BEDA'S Sam Ekwe (right) shoots over Randell Barrera of Mapua.

Alaxan dance tilt kicks off

Encarnacion, Bautista top Partners Cup



CHAMP — Mia Piccio shows off the trophy she won after topping American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) ...

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Ivanovic gets the boot, too

Federer, Hewitt forge showdown; Safin sustains roll



ANOTHER tennis glamour girl gets bundled out and this time, it's world No. 1 Ana Ivanovic. AP



OLD HAND Marat Safin continues to find ways—however uncanny—to advance. AP

Park seizes US Open lead; Rosales 6 down



ANGELA Park tees off at No. 8. AP

THAILAND GOLF

Juvic stays on top

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Sunday Biz

Bad news brings good tidings to Cebu co-op

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

CEBU CITY—THE WORLD CAME crashing down on the laborers of Pacific Traders and Manufacturing Corp. in 1997 when the Cebu-based furniture and wood products export company told them the grim news that it was letting them go because it could no longer pay their wages.

The Asian currency crisis was taking its toll and Pacific Traders saw its order cancellations and export orders dwindle to the point that it would have to drastically pare its operating expenses if it wanted to survive, thus the decision to retrench over a hundred of its workers.

But the Mandaue City-based Pacific Traders shows the retrenched

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FURNITURE MAKING is the cooperative's specialty.

Mothers turn garbage into 'garbags'







Family carves sturdy name in furniture



Bad news brings good tidings to Cebu co-op







‘Tanglad’ goes mainstream, yields essential oils

By Jo Martinez-Clemente
Contributor

BACOLOD CITY—IN HER time, your lola must have boiled this for use as antiseptic to wash off arms or even a baby's feet. Today, in the generation of take-home dinners, we are familiar with its tangy taste that flavors [illegible].

"Tanglad" or lemon grass, a backyard plant, is going mainstream as its oil is now being extracted for industrial use.

What is abundant in the country is the West Indian lemon grass or *Cymbopogon citratus* variety. It contains active ingredients, such as the myrcene, effective as antibacterial and pain reliever. Its other active components are citronellal, citral and geraniol.

The lemon grass is 65 to 85 percent citral. The combination of higher myrcene and citral makes the lemon grass oil less irritating to the skin and thus a good ingredient for cosmetic makers.

Its antibacterial ingredients, on the other hand, can be used for pharmaceutical purposes.



THE TANGLAD can be planted in the backyard, or in patches of idle land, and can augment farmers' income.

Negros farmers

A nongovernment group called the Alternative Indigenous Development Foundation Inc. (AdII) wanted to provide farmers with alternative sources of income.

Set up in 1990, the AdII is a proponent of sustainable agriculture through organic, diversified and integrated farming systems.

In 2004, AdII chose as their project site an isolated upland area of Mandalagan in the [illegible] of Negros. According to [illegible] Mirasis, an officer of the AdII, it was a training at the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) that introduced the AdII to lemon grass oil extraction and there, they saw the prospects of lemon grass oil production as a good project.

After years of research the AdII was able to establish the viability of lemon grass for essential oil as well as fabricate a high-efficiency distillery plant. Farmers were encouraged to plant lemon grass in their backyard or in patches of idle lands. In time, the [illegible] Essential Oil Producers Association was born. AdII provided the distillery plant and a [illegible] for the provision of water while farmers committed to grow the grass using organic fertilizers. The first plant started operations in 2005 and today a second plant had been established in [illegible], Negros Occidental.

According to [illegible], AdII's coordinator on Organic Agriculture and environmental protection, even as the planting areas were only in patches, the total land planted to lemon grass has reached 8.2 hectares. They expect to increase this to 10 ha during the year as membership has also grown from 38 to 42 farmers.

Distilling process

To extract oil from lemon grass, AdII fabricated a distiller that can process 400 kilos of lemon grass leaves per load. On a rainy day this can yield an average of 1.5 liters of oil but higher at 1.9 to 2 liters during dry months. It takes 2 to 3 hours to produce the oil doing a very simple process. Hydrostatic distillation, condensation and cooling to separate the oil from the water.

The water acquired from this distillation process is called Hydrosol or Hydrolat. As a by-product, it is a pure natural water or plant water essence that contains the same components of the oil but in lesser concentrations. This makes the water very suitable to the production of skin care products such as lotions and creams or even as facial cleansing toner in its pure form.

To ensure a steady supply of leaves, farmers have scheduled harvesting. It takes six months to grow the lemon grass but once the leaves are mature for oil extraction, farmers cut the leaves but retain about 15 to 20 centimeters of the plant stood on the ground so it can grow leaves again. Second cropping can be done after two months.

Fair Trade

According to Mirasis, the AdII practices fair trade thus farmers are paid based on amount of oil produced by their leaves. A liter of oil will give a farmer about P1,200.

AdII develops products from the oil so they can have revenues they can plough back into their programs. Aside from selling organic unadulterated lemon grass oil to industrial users, they also have "Negros Oil" which AdII's Enterprise Development Coordinator, [illegible], says is used in aromatherapy by mixing lemon grass oil with virgin coconut oil.

They also sell Hydrosol to industrial users. Aside from Manila and Cebu, [illegible] says they also get orders from France and Brussels but hopes that more will get interested in using lemon grass oil or their products.

Last year, the AdII took part in a Business in Development Challenge (BID Challenge) sponsored by the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) and won P300,000 as one of the 10 finalists. These prize money says [illegible], enabled them to develop a new product line out of Hydrosol. The product, branded as "Citra Pure," is a hand sanitizer that will soon be out in the market.

Family carves sturdy name. . .

From page B1

and accounting, while Paolo managed the [illegible].

Young entrepreneur

When he was 16, Paolo recalled his father taking him to Binondo where the materials were sourced.

He believes the experience gave him the training he needed when he eventually took over the business.

The young Mistiano, who also has a background in arts and design, learned the [illegible] of the business quickly.

"My first meeting with the [illegible] felt like I had butterflies in the stomach," Paolo shares. "Clients would say I was just asked to 'buy vinegar in the sari-sari store.'"

His first years were not without trials. He recalls a bad experience with a client whom he had just taken over the business.

"All the materials and design were already approved. I even submitted different swatches [illegible]. But upon delivery they rejected them all at once," Paolo says.

"To make things worse, they also asked us to pay whatever blinds in the whole building. And after I finished measuring all those windows alone, they awarded the project to another subcontractor."

Despite the setbacks, the family was able to keep its former clients and get new ones.

Some of their clients include Samsung Electronics, Sabon Electronics, Fuji Xerox Philippines, Intel Philippines, several branches of Tapa King, La Salle Green Hills and De La Salle University in Canlubang.

Made-to-order

Paolo says the Furniture business is seasonal. They work on project basis and "everything is made-to-order." This, he says, is their way of ensuring quality while keeping to how clients want the products to be.

They have at least four people—one head carpenter, an upholsterer, a painter, and a welder—who regularly man the production, and hire additional 10 to 15 men if a big project comes in.

Their biggest deal so far consisted of 800 items of computer tables, teacher's tables, and desks for LaSalle Green Hills.

Paolo himself designed the computer table according to a model that the client saw on the Internet.

Paolo's late grandparents became known to Laguna for the [illegible].

"Keeping the business is preserving a tradition," Paolo said.

Their workers are sons or are relatives of Laguna furniture workers.

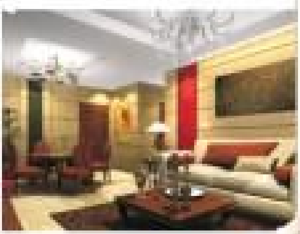
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The indestructible sex symbol tries to live with sixth sense and healing powers—which include sensing infidelity





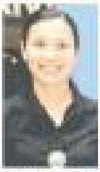


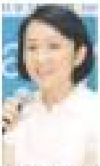
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'Balikbayan' come home to a condo in Ortigas



How will I mend my broken heart again?

EMILY'S POST



Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR EMILY,

[illegible]

—JANE AUSTEN

[illegible]

> Bury yourself in work, be with friends all your waking hours

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Monasterio de Tarlac gifted with stone from Holy Land



THE CAUSE of beatification of Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC, the "Rosary Priest," is being studied by the Vatican.

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Josephine Darang

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Peyton play

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"Kanta Misa"

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How my hubby keeps me grounded in Cloud 9

Tessa!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

My costumes get larger and my wigs become more colorful, yet Dennis has been my stabilizing force

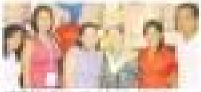






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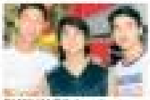
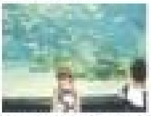


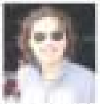

At Manila Ocean Park

Personal Adidas

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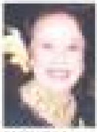
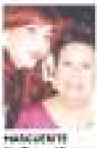
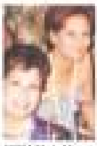
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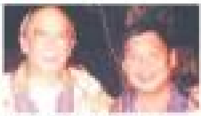
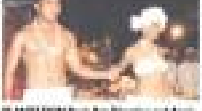
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Various food stations

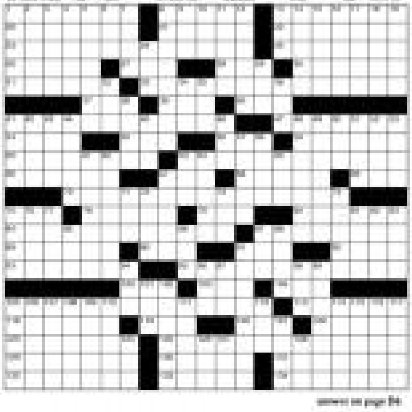
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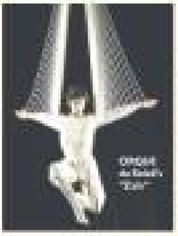


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Roots and Wings
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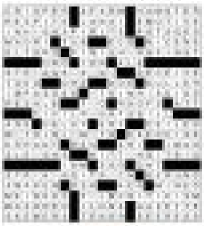
Despite figuring in a spate of tragedies since Doña Paz in the 1980's, Sulpicio hasn't yet learned the lesson of compassion

MY GUY

Short-term memory, long-term love

With senility setting in, my Dad kept on asking how my kids were. But even if his mind may be going, I know his heart will never leave him

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD



ENTERTAINMENT

Editor Bayani G. Yolando

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This week in show biz history

THE WEEK OF JUNE 29-JULY 5 in entertainment history:

1967: Actress Jayne Mansfield died at age 34.

1973: David Bowie retired for the first time in London.

1974: Steely Dan performed a concert in Santa Monica, California. They did not tour again for 19 years.

1999: Victoria "Posh Spice" Adams of the Spice Girls married soccer star David Beckham at an estate outside Dublin, Ireland.

2002: Actress Julia Roberts married cameraman Daniel Moder outside Taos, New Mexico.

2003: Actress Katharine Hepburn died in Connecticut. She was 96. AP



Closest of their friends

[illegible]

OVERHEARD



"I LOVE AMERICA and I am really sad that... I am not allowed to visit a place that I have called home so many times in my life." —Boy George, on being denied a visa to enter the United States. The British singer had planned to tour this summer.

The loving buddies that Daboy…



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The loving buddies that Daboy left behind

Keeping Rudy company in the hospital, Jinggoy, Bong and Phillip all had physical check-ups, too

By Marinel R. Cruz
Photos by Rudy Esperas

THEY OFTEN SPEAK OF Rudy "Daboy" Fernandez as if he were still around. Senators Jinggoy Estrada, Ramon "Bong" Revilla and actor Phillip "Ipe" Salvador still consider their buddy, who recently died after battling cancer for two years, the linchpin in their fast friendship.







ENTERTAINMENT



AWARD-WORTHY

"I do repetitive drills to stimulate my shooting touch - I am precision engineered."







Singer-actress thrown out of rented house

By the Entertainment Staff

LAND LORD THOUGHT Young Singer-Actress was the perfect tenant for a posh new house because she has a string of endorsement deals to her name.

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Odd couple

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Greta's credit

A heartbreaking last glimpse of Heath Ledger in 'Dark Knight'



HEATH Ledger, left, is The Joker in Christian Bale's Batman.

Only IN Hollywood



Rubén V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—"YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO JUST SEE IT IN the film," answered Chris Nolan, director of "The Dark Knight," when we asked him about Heath Ledger's take on The Joker...

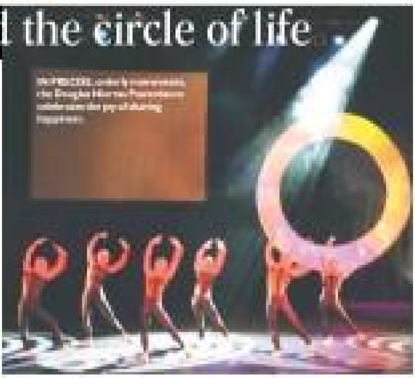
Larger than life

Character progression

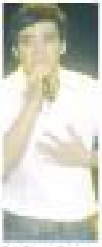
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